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FUNDS TO PRASAR BHARATI
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Government to Prasar Bharati during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government is not allocating adequate funds to Prasar Bharati; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c) : The details of Grants/Loans provided by the Government, revenue generated viz., Internal Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) and expenditure incurred by Prasar Bharati, during the last three years, are given below:-

(Rupees in crore)

Year	Grant/Loan	IEBR	Total	Expenditure
2001-02	1,113.81	711.90	1,825.71	1,629.27
2002-03	1,238.39	686.06	1,924.45	1,766.93
2003-04	1,131.19	671.27	1,802.46	1,663.77
Total	3,483.39	2,069.23	5,552.62	5,059.97

= IEBR: Internal Extra Budgetary Resources.

Efforts are made to provide funds to the maximum extent possible. In addition, Prasar Bharati has recourse to revenues earned through its commercial operations.